

Village of Los Lunas



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Rail Runner Arrival Delayed

The New Mexico Rail Runner was set to begin running through Valencia County in September, but it's arrival has been delayed until late November/early December.

Augusta Meyers of the Mid Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) explains that rail had been ordered for the Belen station in December, 2005.

MRGCOG was notified in July that the rail would not arrive until early October. After the rail has arrived, it will take 30 to 45 days to lay the rail and then finish the signalization through Valencia County.

When the Rail Runner begins running through Valencia County, riders will be able to take the train into and from Albuquerque for free for the first three months.

Got Internet?

Fill Out Your Form Online

The Village Website is making life easier for people who have and use computers.

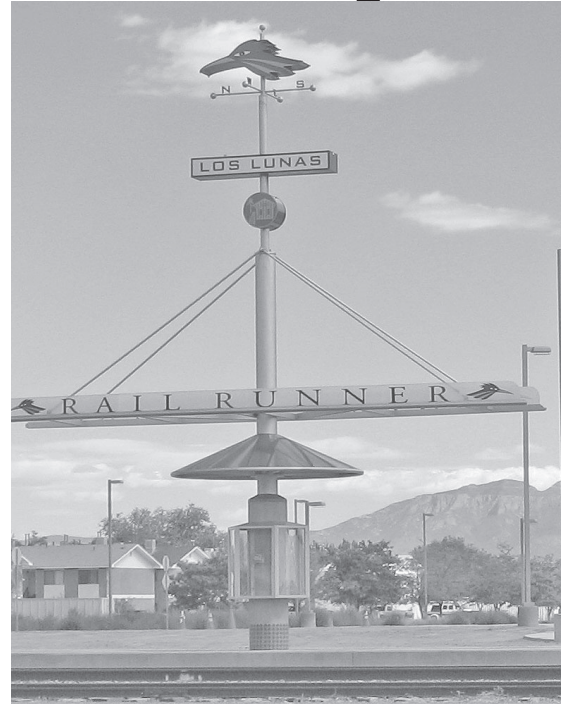
You can go online to the village's website, located at www.loslunasm.gov, and to Online Forms and Applications.

Once you are there, you will find a number of village forms and applications that you can fill out and then send to the proper department to accomplish what you need to get done.

Forms and applications include:

- Pothole or Sidewalk Repair;
- Street Light Repair;
- Council Agenda Request;
- Graffiti Removal Request;
- Home Occupation Registration; and
- Facility Agreement.
- Building Permit;
- Crime Report;
- Lot Split;

**Pay Your Water Bill
For the Village Online
Go To www.loslunasm.gov
and Follow the Directions
See Back Page
For More Information**



This new sign greets people at the Rail Runner station at the intersection of Highway 314 and Courthouse Road.

Trek Proves Success

September's Trek for Trash Day went well with 91 energetic volunteers showing up bright and early to start cleaning up the community by picking up 268 bags of trash.

Pizza from Dion's, soft drinks and fruit were served for lunch. T-shirts were given out to all the volunteers.

The areas that were cleaned include: Highway 6 West, Don Pasqual, Valencia Y commercial area, Sun Ranch Village, NM Highway 314 North & South, Morris Road, Juan Perea Road, Courthouse Road, Los Lentes South, Emilio Lopez, Los Cerritos Road, Carson Park and Camelot area, Lambros and Appaloosa area and Sichler, Sandoval and Tondre roads.

Statewide GO Bond Issue "C": Library Books Acquisition

November 7th General Election

Total Amount: \$9 million

- ✓ Which libraries will benefit?
- Public Libraries will receive \$3 million for books, equipment and resources.
 - Public School Libraries will receive \$3 million for library books, equipment and library resources.
 - Academic Libraries will receive \$3 million library resource acquisitions.

✓ Valencia County's public libraries would receive approximately the following amounts:

• Belen Public Library:	\$ 32,878	• Bosque Farms Public Library	\$ 19,782
• Los Lunas Public Library	\$ 50,399	• Isleta Pueblo Public Library	\$ 3,980

✓ The UNM-Valencia Campus Library and libraries in the Los Lunas Schools and Belen Schools will also benefit from GO Bond C. (Estimated figures will be available soon.)

✓ Past GO Bond "C" Appropriations have allowed the Los Lunas Public Library to:

- Update the Reference Books in the Adult and Junior Collections.
- Update the Non-Fiction Books in the Adult and Junior Collections.
- Create a Community Computer Lab.
- Purchase books, audios and computers to create a Teen Zone.
- Expand the Spanish Collection for both Adults and Children.
- Expand the Audio & Video Collections.
- Install a Self-Checkout System with RFID technology and security.

✓ State sources estimate that it would cost approximately \$1.50 per year per \$150,000 of fair market value of your home for GO Bond "C".

*For more information, contact Cynthia Shetter, Library Director,
Los Lunas Public Library, 839-3850*



Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the Administration Building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for 2006 are:

October 19

November 2 & 16 December 14 & 28

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street NE; and posted on the village website (address: www.loslunasnm.gov).

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.loslunasnm.gov

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning Mayor
Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo *Charles Griego*
Gerard Saiz *Robert Vialpando*

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk
Chief of Police Nick Balido

POLICE SERVE COMMUNITY IN MANY WAYS

People often think of police officers in only a few situations. Those situations are often limited to traffic and tickets and protecting the public.

Los Lunas police officers are involved in the greater village community in a variety of ways with many of them having to do with children.

Police Chief Nick Balido says one of the primary reasons for working throughout the community with children is to prevent crime before it happens.

Preventing a crime is less expensive than dealing with crime and the criminals who commit crimes.

So officers from the Los Lunas police department have developed and participate in a multitude of activities over the year which include the following.

Fun Run Supports Cops for Kids

The Fun Run is held on a Sunday in March. The public can run a 5k or 10k run which starts at Los Lunas High School and through the west side neighborhoods of Los Lunas.

Money raised from the Fun Run goes to support the Cops for Kids which is held in December.

Law enforcement officers from across Valencia County participate in the Cops for Kids which involves taking children who might be in need to the Wal-Mart Supercenter to purchase \$100 in clothes and merchandise.

The kids are also treated to pizza (provided free by local restaurants) and bowling at the bowling alley in Bosque Farms.

Chief Balido points out that officers from across Valencia County enjoy taking part in this annual Christmas time event because it is a way to help children in need.

Kids - Drinking and Driving

In April 2006 the Los Lunas Police Department held a Town Hall meeting for high school students from throughout Valencia County. The meeting, held at the Belen Elks Lodge, focused on not drinking and driving.

As a follow up to the town hall meeting, arrangements were made for students to be able to go to the Starlight Cinema on the west side of Los Lunas on

prom night as an alternative to illegal consumption of alcohol for the students.

At the theater students could see movies until the wee hours of the morning plus there was food and activities available.

Chief Balido estimates some 400 students chose the Starlight Cinema as their alternative to drinking and driving on Prom Night.

Video Game Day / Emergency Responders

Video Game Day is a Saturday during the summer when all juveniles can enjoy a full day of playing video. The event is sponsored by the Village Police Department to give the students something to do.

For the last four years, emergency vehicles from across Valencia County have been on display in the Albertson's parking lot on the east side of Los Lunas.

The object is to let the community know what is available in case of an emergency.

Balido points out that this past year Bernalillo County and Sandia National Laboratories also sent vehicles and personnel to the event.

The Albuquerque Zoo and Isotopes games are among the other places the police department makes arrangements for kids to visit.

And it's not just the kids who go but police officers go along so the kids know that law enforcement personnel can be trusted.

First National Night Out

Just last month the Los Lunas police sponsored the village's first National Night Out. The event was originally scheduled for the beginning of August when the national night is scheduled. A torrential downpour forced the cancellation of that event.

The rescheduled event was held at Daniel Fernandez Park which has an indoor facility so that National Night Out could be held rain or shine.

Chief Balido hopes to make the Los Lunas Night Out an annual event which will occur on the first Tuesday in August.

Police officers like to participate in community events and do it as much as their job and personal commitments allow, points out Balido.

The village has 27 police officers including Chief Balido and Assistant Chief David Gurule. The village's continuing growth means patrol officers are constantly going further and further out in the community.

But, says Balido, officers work as hard as they can in the field and then are willing to commit time to participating in community activities. He said officers know the investment in community activities pays off in reducing crime in the community.



Daniel Fernandez was the perfect site for the first National Night Out for the village because it offers an indoor and outdoor venue.

OVERGROWN WEEDS & VEGETATION ENCROACHMENT

Now that fall is here we are still tackling weeds and other unwanted overgrowth on our properties.

Overgrowth is commonly found in residential yards, vacant lots, or encroaching upon public rights-of-way.

Call the Village's Planning and Zoning Department to discuss overgrown weeds or vegetation encroachment.

So let's all work together to cut our weeds, get rid of our junk, even in the public rights-of-way so our community can look clean and beautiful.



**Village of Los Lunas
Planning and Zoning Department
660 Main Street NE
Main and Don Pasqual
839-3840 Ext. 7656**

Please note: we accidentally ran an incorrect phone number for this in the September newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused.

New At The Village! Pay Your Water Bill Online

Starting with this month's bill you can now pay your village water bill online.

You start by going to the village website www.loslunasnm.gov.

Once at the site you will find directions on how to make the payment.

At this time only Master Card and Visa are accepted for payment.

Water customers will also be able to set up the system so that payment can be made every month on a specified date. This day of the month must be before the date the bill is due as set by the village.

Starting with the October billing customers will also be able to view a history of their account.

There will be no prior history available. Village administrators are deciding how long this history will remain on the system.

**Are You Getting Your Entry Ready for The Electric Light Parade?
Parade Saturday, December 2, 2006 6:30 pm**



Haunted House



October 31 5 - 8 pm

A Spooktacular Event

at the Village

Administration Building

Call Parks & Recreation 352-3584 for information

